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Letter to Georgetown Charter Township

I read an article in the Sunday paper regarding the possible opening of a new restaurant in the vacated site off Georgetown Center Drive where a Pizza Hut had operated for many years. The announcement was received initially with great expectation in that our area is lacking in nice, family eating restaurants. I am sure there are many residents of the Jenison area that would share these same feelings.

What does concern me is that the owners of this restaurant wish to offer alcoholic beverages as a part of the menu. Reference in the article also mentioned the availability of a large screen TV for watching Sports. It sounds to me like we might be looking at another Sports Bar. The concept in itself seems very inviting.

However, I am seriously concerned that this location was already approved by our Georgetown Township Board subject to approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. This site in my opinion is poorly positioned for this type of operation. We have an Elementary School located within 600 feet of the proposed location, a Church within a short distance, and a highly successful Family Restaurant next to this site. And in addition to these considerations, we should be alerted to a major problem with traffic. There have been many accidents at the corner of Baldwin and Georgetown Center Drive. Adding an operation serving alcoholic beverages will only compound the problem. At the very least we must install a traffic light. Being able to coordinate this light with that at 20<sup>th</sup> would be a major and almost impossible task. This issue, in itself, is reason to not move forward with this project.

There are other sites within the Township that could meet the developer's objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

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